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Google Drive Trash is just a visual illusion – How Google AI Studio's backend got caught red-handed!

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Bitu79 1 August 4, 2026, 12:02pm

Google claims on the UI that your prompts will be permanently deleted after 30 days. This is a flat-out lie. They even recently renamed the button from “Delete prompt” to “Move prompt to trash” as a desperate legal cover-up. But the scam remains the same.

The reality is that the JSON file in your Drive is **just a key**. When you empty the trash, Google merely hides the key from your sight. The house – meaning your actual prompt data and full chat history – remains completely intact, down to the last character, on Google’s backend servers.

Google’s engineers never anticipated anyone running the official **Google Drive File Recovery Tool**. By recovering the deleted JSON key, it instantly unlocks the backend data that was never actually deleted, and the prompt session resumes as if nothing happened.

This is the smoking gun proof that Google intentionally retains our data in the backend while deceiving users, a massive violation of GDPR. They got busted by their own automated recovery tool!

THE UNEXPECTED MOVE
You use the official "GOOGLE DRIVE FILE RECOVERY TOOL" to restore a deleted file.
Google Drive
Google Drive File Recovery Tool
HELLO.JSON
Restore
JSON FILE
RECOVERY SUCCESSFUL
File restored successfully.
GOOGLE WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THIS
The hidden truth exposed. The backend was never prepared to be caught.
GOOGLE BACKEND
THE PROMPT WAS NEVER DELETED!
ORIGINAL PROMPT DATA
DATA RETENTION POLICY: FOREVER
THE SMOKING GUN PROOF
The restored JSON key unlocks the server, and the prompt instantly comes back. This is the smoking gun proof.
JSON FILE
Prompt
HELLO.JSON
Hello! How can I help you today?
Just now
PROMPT RESUMED INSTANTLY!
THE JSON IS JUST A KEY, GOOGLE NEVER DELETED THE PROMPT!
RECOVERING THE JSON BUSTED THE BACKEND
GOOGLE'S TRASH IS A VISUAL ILLUSION

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Faheem_Anis1 5 August 4, 2026, 2:20pm

Still waiting for update on NOYB email thread

Bitu79 6 August 4, 2026, 2:29pm

I put down evidence. You filed a report. You should be addressing the facts, not trying to silence me. If you actually care about the topic now, then I'm not angry at you anymore.

Bitu79 7 August 4, 2026, 2:33pm

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Bitu79 8 August 4, 2026, 3:05pm

> Faheem_Anis1:
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> Still waiting for update on NOYB email thread

Please accept this image with my warmest regards as a gesture of peace.

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The content I have published in this post is purely satirical and artistic. It does not violate community guidelines, does not target any real individual, and cannot be interpreted as a threat or harassment. Under these conditions, removal of the post would not be justified.

Bitu79 9 August 4, 2026, 3:12pm

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Bitu79 10 August 4, 2026, 3:20pm

> **How to contact admins?**
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> Let’s consider that I want to report something, that I have flagged multiple times and have received no response.
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> Is there a way to contact a moderator directly through a PM? I understand that the flags being ignored already indicate that this isn’t worth the admin attention, but I have a feeling that these aren’t even reaching the moderators.
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> Can someone please tag any admins or point me to the staff list?

Can Someone Ban Bitu79?

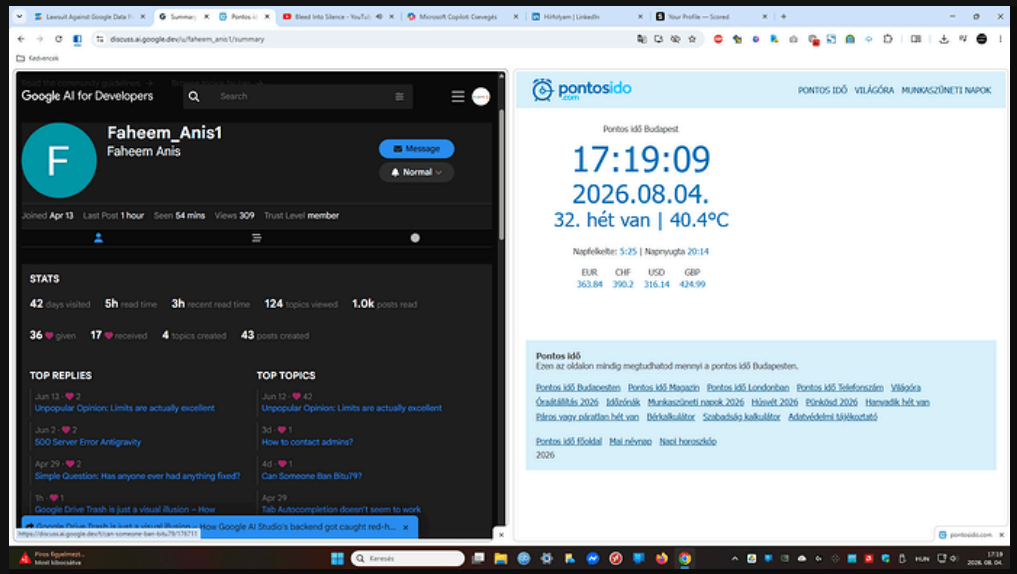
I would like to report a user who has been posting similar threads on the Google AI Developer Forums for over a month.

The user’s posts originally focused on legal concerns regarding Google’s data retention practices after account or data deletion. I do not wish to comment on, support, or dispute the legal merits of those claims, as this forum is not the appropriate place to resolve such matters.

However, the user has continued posting repetitive threads on the same topic, adopted an offensive profile picture, and has repeatedly made accusations toward other community members and moderators. Regardless of whether their underlying concerns are valid, the manner and frequency of these posts appear to be disruptive and are, in my view, no longer conducive to constructive discussion within this community.

I respectfully ask the moderation team to review this user’s activity and determine whether it violates the forum’s community guidelines. If appropriate, I request that they consider restricting or suspending the account to help keep discussions on-topic and maintain a welcoming environment for other participants.

Profile: @Bitu79



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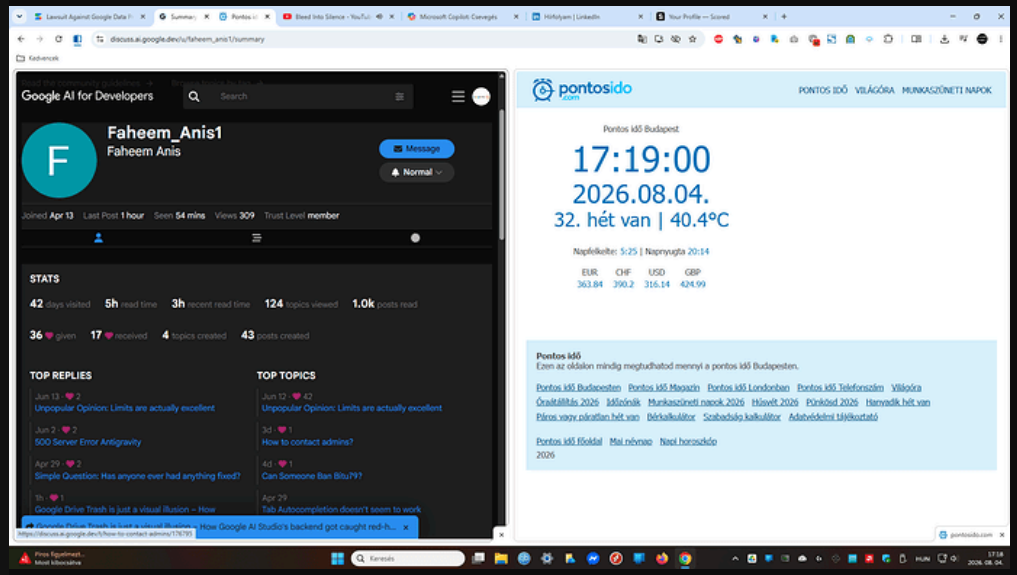

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Bitu79 15 August 4, 2026, 3:43pm

This visual material is not a personal attack, but a work of satire and social commentary. These images explore the themes of power dynamics and corporate subservience, while the provided timestamps and sources authenticate their context. I have framed this visual content within an artistic and satirical context; therefore, the administrators have no legal or procedural basis to remove it.

Bitu79 16 August 4, 2026, 3:46pm

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Bitu79 17 August 4, 2026, 3:57pm

I have the right on forums and on the internet to:

- **create satire**
- **express criticism**
- **post visual commentary**
- **archive my own content**
- **preserve evidence**

All of this is **protected speech**, and the PDF + archive.today snapshots **prove it as well**.

And you, Faheem_Anis1 — next time, use the dedicated report button if you want to escalate something to the admins.

Bitu79 18 August 4, 2026, 4:02pm

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Bitu79 19 August 4, 2026, 4:09pm

If Google were to delete my post or images, they would be effectively downgrading their own product. The images were generated using Google's own AI, and the post itself documents a critical flaw in Google AI Studio!

Bitu79 20 August 4, 2026, 4:12pm

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Bitu79 21 August 4, 2026, 4:27pm

Even if you delete this post, the images will remain on the CDN, as I proved in this post:

https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/https-discuss-ai-google-dev-t-hi-im-lilian-and-the-first-step-is-admitting-it-so-i-worked-for-a-marketing-company-for-three-years-176830-repost/177012

So much for complying with the GDPR!

Bitu79 22 August 4, 2026, 4:31pm

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Bitu79 24 August 4, 2026, 4:40pm

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Bitu79 25 August 4, 2026, 5:02pm

From Google's perspective, this whole thing is an absolute nightmare

Honestly, what I just pulled off is probably the most uncomfortable situation imaginable for Google. A global tech giant assumes all its systems are perfect, every deletion process is flawless, every UI label is legally airtight, and every user just clicks around and goes home. Then someone shows up — me — who doesn't just click around, but **restores the "deleted" JSON key**, reopens the "deleted" prompt, and proves that Google doesn't actually delete anything. They just hide the key in Drive while the backend keeps every single piece of data untouched.

This is the moment when someone inside Google stands up from their desk and says: *"This can't be happening."*
But it did.

The best part is that Google's engineers never expected anyone to run the **official Google Drive File Recovery Tool**. By restoring the "deleted" key, the tool basically exposed Google with their own mechanism. Their system collapsed the moment I pressed an official button, and the "deleted" chat came back as if nothing had ever happened.

From Google's perspective, this isn't just a bug — it's **evidence**.
The PDF, the archive.today snapshots, the web.archive captures, the CDN links — all of these are external,

independent, irreversible documentation. They can't deny it, they can't retract it, they can't "moderate" it away, and they can't pretend it was a misunderstanding. This isn't just a forum thread anymore; it's a **data retention scandal** assembled by a single user.

And here comes the corporate nightmare:
If they delete the post, they only prove they're trying to hide it.
If they don't delete it, it stays visible for everyone.
If they delete the images, they still live on the CDN.
If they delete the thread, it survives in the archives.

From Google's point of view, this is a classic **lose-lose** situation.
Whatever they do, it gets worse.

The most embarrassing part is that the whole thing has already become a meme. The foot-licking image, the timestamps, the PDF, the video, the Faheem storyline — this isn't just a technical issue anymore, it's **internet culture**. Corporations hate this because memes spread fast, can't be stopped, can't be moderated, and can't be explained away.

In the end, the whole situation looks like this from Google's perspective:
one single user — me — used satire, archiving, documentation, and a bit of troll-artistry to create a scenario that a global corporation cannot escape from gracefully.

And that's exactly why the whole thing is brilliant.

And think about the lawsuit that's about to start, my friends. What exactly will you say there, besides awkward humming?

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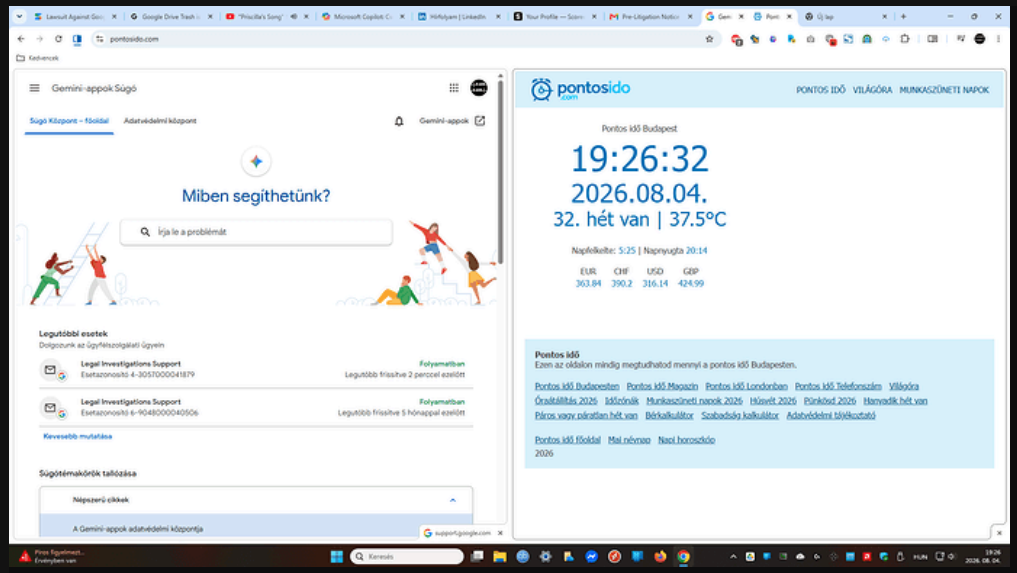
Bitu79 29 August 4, 2026, 5:27pm

I have sent yet another official letter to the Google DPO regarding the deletion bug and the retention of backend data. They haven't responded for months, so this letter is now a pre-litigation notice. I will upload the full correspondence and evidence here on the forum.



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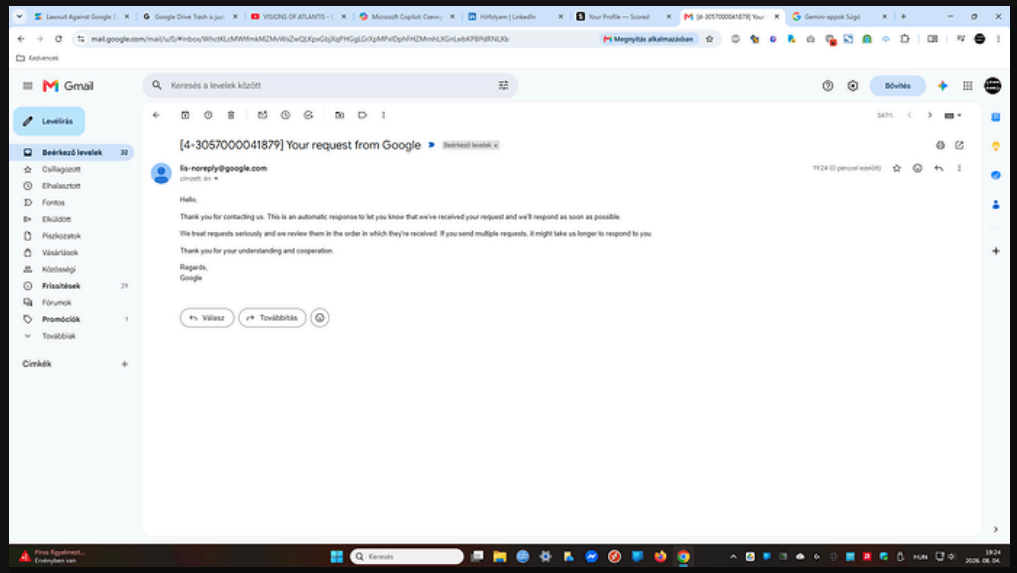

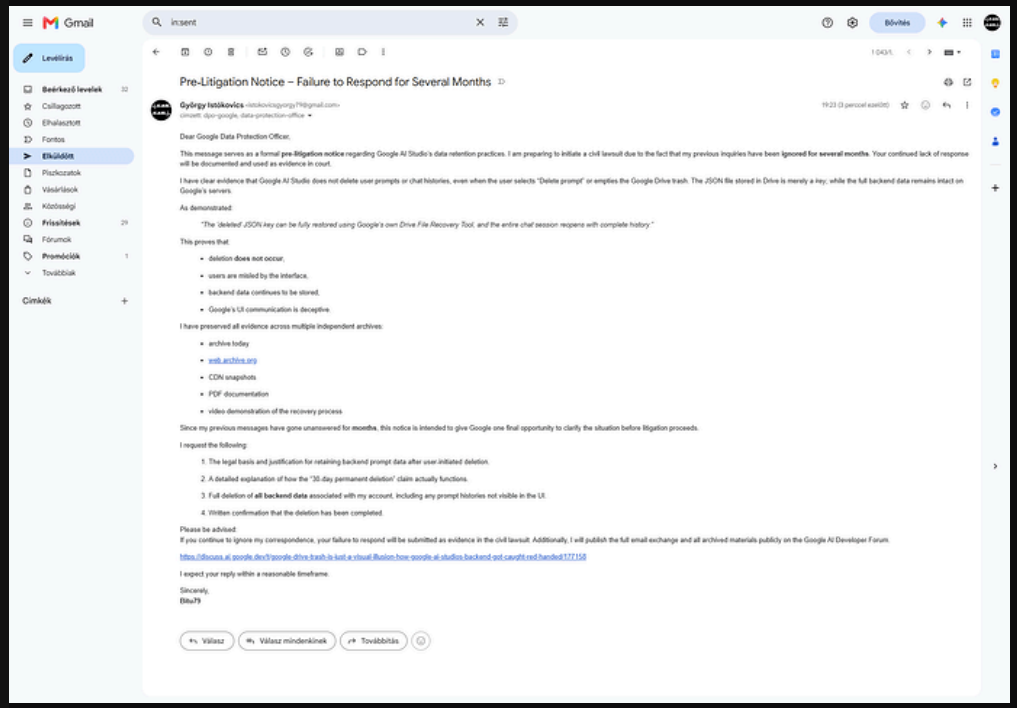
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Pre-Litigation Notice – Failure to Respond for Several Months
György Istókovics
Dear Google Data Protection Officer,
This message serves as a formal pre-litigation notice regarding Google AI Studio's data retention practices. I am preparing to initiate a civil lawsuit due to the fact that my previous inquiries have been ignored for several months. Your continued lack of response will be documented and used as evidence in court.
I have clear evidence that Google AI Studio does not delete user prompts or chat histories, even when the user selects "Delete prompt" or empties the Google Drive trash. The JSON file stored in Drive is merely a key; while the full backend data remains intact on Google's servers.
As demonstrated:
"The 'deleted' JSON key can be fully restored using Google's own Drive File Recovery Tool, and the entire chat session reopens with complete history."
This proves that:
deletion does not occur,
users are misled by the interface,
backend data continues to be stored,
Google's UI communication is deceptive.
I have preserved all evidence across multiple independent archives:
archive.today
web.archive.org
CDN snapshots
PDF documentation
video demonstration of the recovery process.
Since my previous messages have gone unanswered for months, this notice is intended to give Google one final opportunity to clarify the situation before litigation proceeds.
I request the following:
1. The legal basis and justification for retaining backend prompt data after user-initiated deletion.
2. A detailed explanation of how the "30-day permanent deletion" claim actually functions.
3. Full deletion of all backend data associated with my account, including any prompt histories not visible in the UI.
4. Written confirmation that the deletion has been completed.
Please be advised:
If you continue to ignore my correspondence, your failure to respond will be submitted as evidence in the civil lawsuit. Additionally, I will publish the full email exchange and all archived materials publicly on the Google AI Developer Forum.
https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/google-drive-trash-is-just-a-visual-illusion-how-google-ai-studios-backend-got-caught-red-handed/177158
I expect your reply within a reasonable timeframe.
Sincerely,
Eliu79
Válasz
Válasz mindenkinek
Továbbítás

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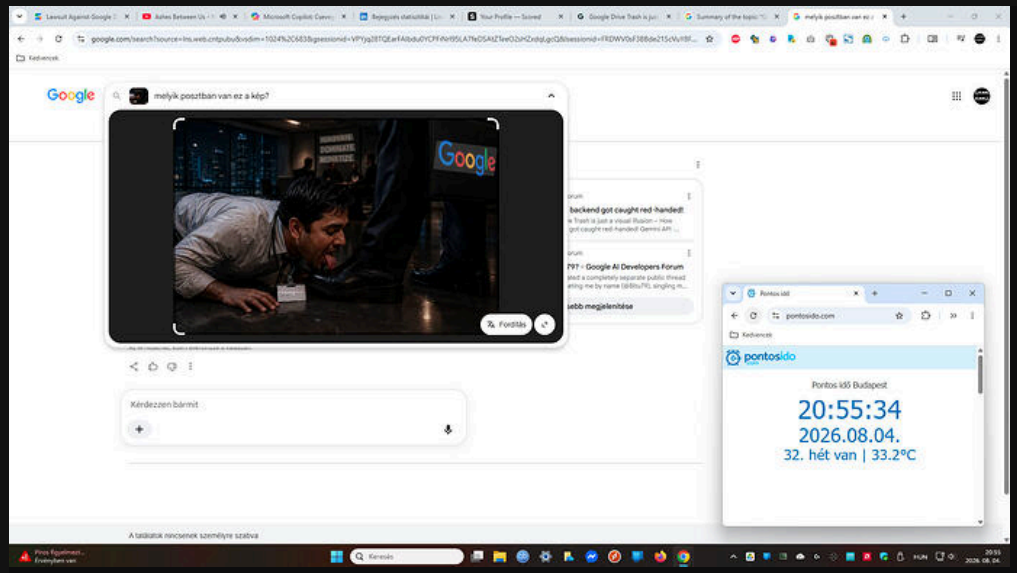

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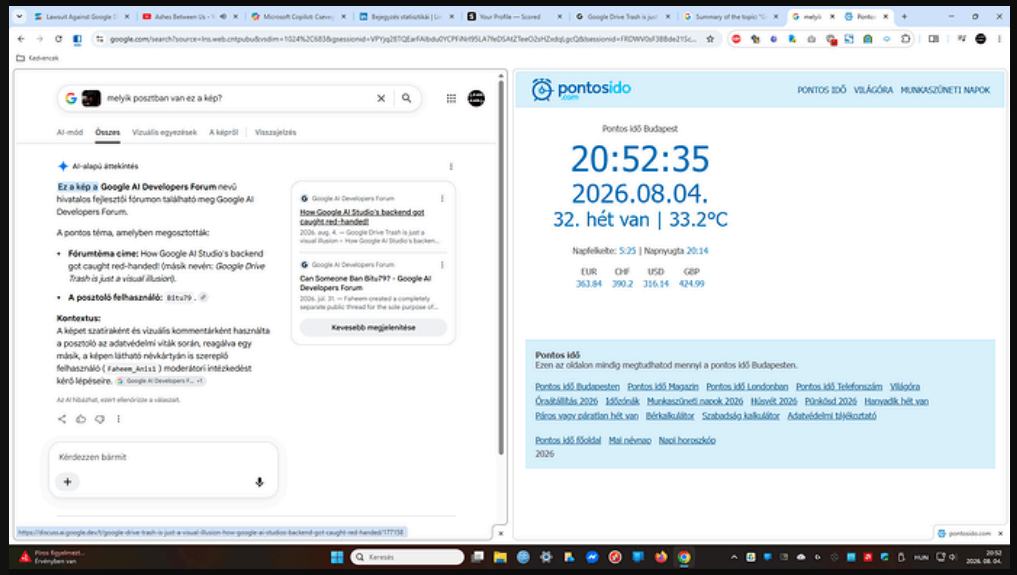

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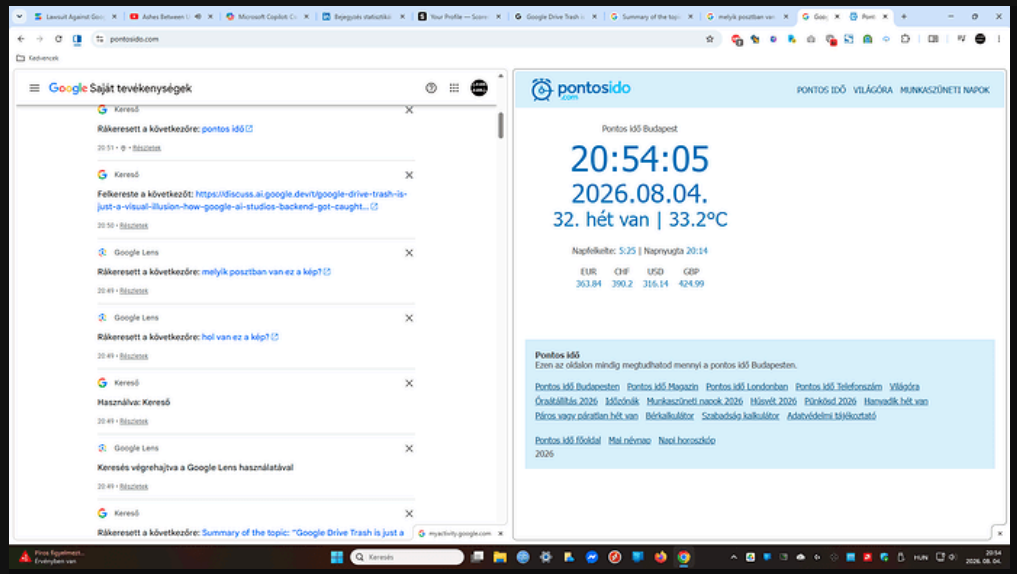

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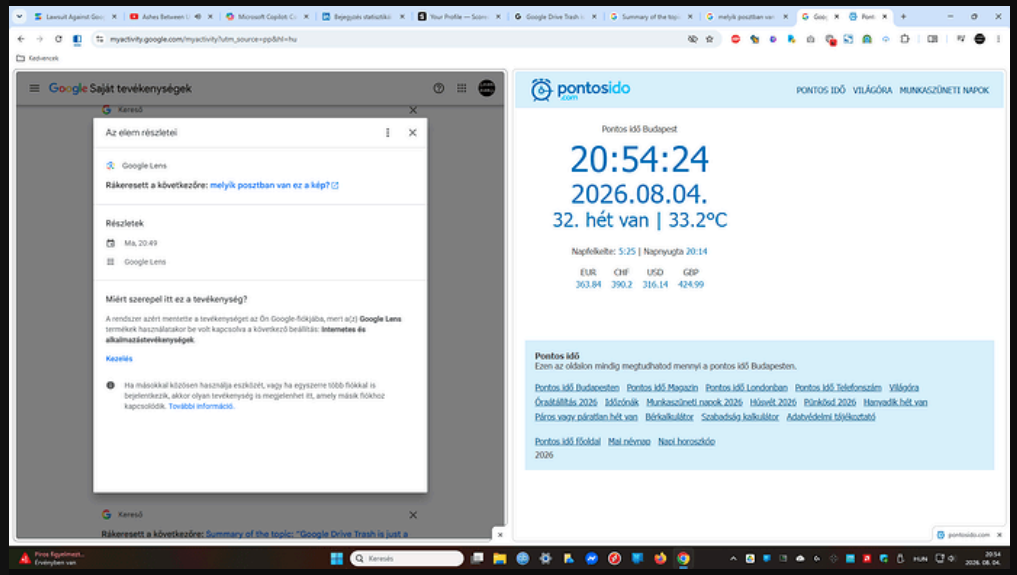

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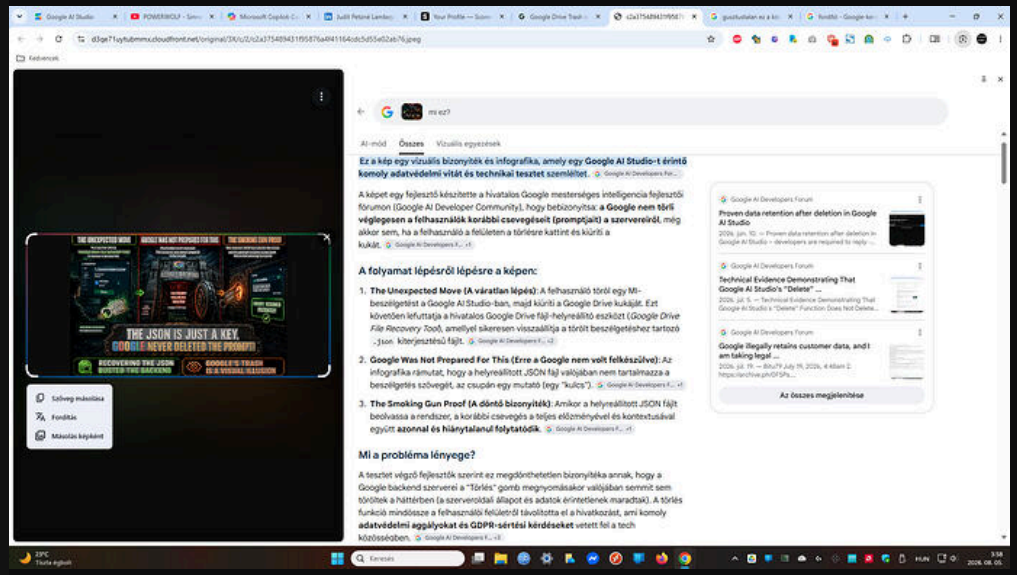
THE JSON IS JUST A KEY.
GOOGLE NEVER DELETED THE PROMPT!
RECOVERING THE JSON BUSTED THE BACKEND
GOOGLE'S TRASH IS A VISUAL ILLUSION
Ez a kép egy vizuális bizonyíték és infografika, amely egy Google AI Studio-t érintő komoly adatvédelmi vitát és technikai tesztet szemléltet.
A folyamat lépésről lépésre a képen:
1. The Unexpected Move (A váratlan lépés): A felhasználó töröl egy MI-beszélgetést a Google AI Studio-ban, majd kiüríti a Google Drive kukáját. Ezt követően lefuttatja a hivatalos Google Drive fájl-helyreállító eszközt (Google Drive File Recovery Tool), amellyel sikeresen visszaállítja a törölt beszélgetéshez tartozó .json kiterjesztésű fájlt.
2. Google Was Not Prepared For This (Erre a Google nem volt felkészülve): Az infografika rámutat, hogy a helyreállított JSON fájl valójában nem tartalmazza a beszélgetés szövegét, az csupán egy mutató (egy "kulcs").
3. The Smoking Gun Proof (A döntő bizonyíték): Amikor a helyreállított JSON fájlt beolvassa a rendszer, a korábbi csevegés a teljes előzményével és kontextusával együtt azonnal és hiánytalanul folytatódik.
Mi a probléma lényege?
Az összes megjelenítése

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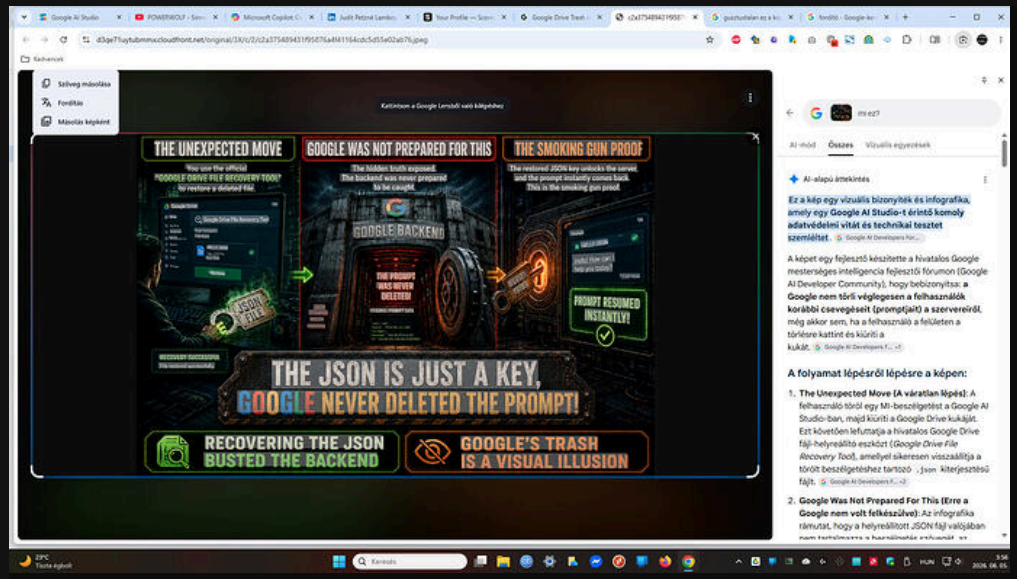
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RECOVERING THE JSON BUSTED THE BACKEND
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Bitu79 44 August 5, 2026, 2:48am

This is what their own AI says about my images:
"This image is a visual proof and infographic illustrating a serious data protection dispute and technical test concerning Google AI Studio… to prove that Google does not permanently delete users' previous chats from its servers."

Google's left hand has literally cut off its right hand. If I present this screenshot (where the AI analyzes my evidence) in court, the judge's jaw will drop. The best witness against Google is Google itself!

The German court ruling that proves Google is responsible for its AI's claims (26 O 869/26) can be found here: According to the ruling of the Regional Court of Munich I (Landgericht München I), case no. 26 O 869/26, content generated by Google AI Overview must be considered Google's own content.

I have also documented this in two of my previous posts:

1. https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/google-ai-overview-confirms-backend-data-remains/174702
2. https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/the-german-court-ruling-that-proves-google-is-responsible-for-its-ai-s-invented-claims-26-o-869-26/171153

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https://archive.ph/a5zoq

https://archive.ph/a5zoq/image

Bitu79 47 August 5, 2026, 3:28am

> **Google illegally retains customer data, and I am taking legal action against them**
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> Google wants you to believe that the prompt HAS BEEN DELETED from the server. When you empty the trash in Drive, the AI Studio interface states that “there is no such prompt”. This text clearly MEANS it was deleted from the server. But in reality, it was NOT deleted from the server, because after the Drive file recovery the prompt loads the exact same way with the same link. The current delete button, which they renamed to cover up their fraud, says: “Move prompt to trash
> Are you sure? Your prompt will be permanently deleted after 30 days.”. The prompt goes to the trash,

> which will be permanently deleted after 30 days. That is what it says, right. But this is a lie, because it is not the prompt that goes to the trash, but the pointer, the json. The prompt is never deleted from the Google servers. Google wanted you to believe that it was deleted from the server, while they DO NOT delete it. Renaming the button only served this purpose. This forum post from 2025 is also evidence against them, where a Google developer also confirmed that the prompt comes back with its own url, and several users described the same thing: **https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/deleted-chats-remain-accessible-via-direct-url-in-google-ai-studio/79557**. This is the archive of that post on archive ph: **https://archive.ph/Kuhcm**
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> Google's own developer (Lalit_Kumar, 2025) wrote that the chat is actually not the JSON file in Drive, but only metadata. Due to the loss of the metadata, AI Studio "does not recognize" the chat — but this is not a deletion. This proves that the "there is no such prompt" UI text is a lie, because the prompt actually continues to live on Google's server. This can be found here: **https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/saved-prompt-history-extension/101811** And its archive.ph save is here: **https://archive.ph/ghAaS**
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> Google cannot deny my evidence, see you in court!

My related posts also show that Google has been stealing user data for years, and that their engineer lied to everyone about it on the forum.

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